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### INTELLIGENCE CHECK

President Kennedy has formally ordered a full-scale review of the United States foreign intelligence effort, a move solidly supported by Americans who wonder what happened to the Cuban "invasion" and why.

The President has asked General Maxwell Taylor and Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy to conduct an investigation of all U.S. intelligence activities, which will mean surveying 12 or more departments and agencies, each having an affiliation with the Central Intelligence Agency.

The President also has reconstituted the membership of the Board of Consultants on Foreign Intelligence Activities, a citizens committee created in 1956, on recommendation of the Hoover commission. This board will resume operations "under broadened terms of reference" and will report to the President at least semi-annually on "the quality of the foreign intelligence provided to the Executive Branch of the Government."

Now the question arises whether there also is need for a congressional "watch-dog" committee to establish a firm link in this vitally-important category between the Executive and Legislative Branches.

The idea is not new and when Mr. Kennedy was in the Senate, he once voted for it. Admittedly, it would require most careful selection of those members of Congress comprising such a committee, but a legislative group of this type has worked for years with the Atomic Energy Commission; the setup apparently has been mutually satisfactory and there has been no known breach of security.

It might be a big help if those who have to provide the money and make the laws could know more about the plans of the enemy. Up to now, the CIA, having been as close-mouthed as possible, Congress has been placed in the position of the autoist driving through a rain squall with no windshield wiper.